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Gentlemen:

I am distressed that the government is prepared to accept Microsoft's offer to supply \$1 billion in kind to poor schools as partial settlement. By guaranteeing Microsoft \$1 billion in business at whatever price it sets, you are perpetuating exactly the sort of monopoly you are trying to end.

Instead, make Microsoft give the schools \$1 billion in cash and require that they issue vendor-neutral proposals for bids, which would probably allow the schools to acquire double the computing power.

Alternatively, require Microsoft to provide \$1 billion in products valued at actual manufacturing cost, such as \$6 for a pack of CD-ROMs and \$1 for a site license. That way every school and every household in the country would get a free site license with media for Windows and Office. Maybe that is a fair settlement after all.

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